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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

Greg Firth

Serial No: 09/380,932 filed  
September 10, 1999, U.S. National  
Phase Application Based on  
PCT/GB98/00840 filed March 20,  
1998 Based on EP 97301917.7  
filed March 21, 1997

) Title: Extraction and Utilisation of  
VNTR Alleles

) Group Art Unit: 1635

) Examiner: Shibuya

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

*Commissioner for Patents*  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a three month extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8)

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, on August 13, 2001, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Jeffrey S. Sharp

**1. Small Entity Status**

- Verified statement(s) claiming small entity status is(are) attached.
- Small entity status has been established and is still effective.
- Has not been established.

**2. Extension of Time**

- This is a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

EXTENSION (Months)	FEE FOR LARGE ENTITY		FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY
One Month		\$110.00	\$55.00
Two Months		\$390.00	\$195.00
Three Months	X	\$890.00	\$445.00
Four Months		\$1,390.00	\$695.00
Five Months		\$1,890.00	\$945.00

If an additional Extension of Time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension Fee: \$890.00

- An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Deduction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extension Fee Due With This Request: \$890.00

**3. Method of Payment of Fees**

- Attached is a check in the amount of \$890.00
- Charge Deposit Account No. 13-2855 in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

**4. D** deposit Account and R fund Authorization

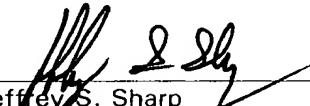
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Please refund any overpayment to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun at the address below.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN  
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By:

  
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